

Venezuela

Venezuela in Italian means “small Venice”. The name came from the natives living in house above the Lake of Maracaibo. Venezuela became a colony of Spain in 1522, it was the first colony of Spain in South America. Venezuelan declared independence on July 5, 1811, but the war had just started. Until July 24, 1823, Venezuela gained independence. It became part of the Gran Colombia till 1830. During the 19th century Venezuela was full of disorder politics and dictatorial rule. Hugo Chavez was elected as the president of Venezuela in 2000. Venezuela contains some of the largest oil and natural gas reserves in the world. Venezuela started to export oil in 1922. Oil is the 80% of all exports of Venezuela. Beauty pageants is well known as its succession.

A powerful earthquake strike Venezuela. The epicenter was 110 km west of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. Seven people got injured and buildings were damaged in the north-western Falcon state, where it go the worst hit. The power was out in an area of the capital. The other regions were probably without electricity. No damage report from the country's oil installations.